

State of New Jersey

Emergency Medical Dispatch Guidecards



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Enterovirus (EV-D68) 9/9/2014

Ebola Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services Systems and 9-1-1

Public Safety Answering Points

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Enterovirus (EV-D68)

Signs and symptoms similar to cold or flu. In children age 6 weeks to 15 years with existing respiratory illness may quickly become respiratory distress, change in skin color (hypoxemia) or wheezing..

Current cases have been reported in New Jersey.

Ebola

Patient may present signs and symptoms of flu in early stage such as high fever, severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain. Additional sign may be unexplained bleeding.

Look for recent travel (up to 21 days) in affected areas.

**Potential case in Newark, NJ
Cases confirmed in US (being treated in Texas, Georgia and Maryland), screening being conducted at major airports.
Current outbreaks reported in West Africa.**

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

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IF PATIENT IS PRESENTING WITH FEVER AND/OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS AND HAS RECENTLY TRAVELED TO AREAS OF CURRENT OUTBREAKS, OR THE PATIENT IS BEING MONITORED BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A KNOWN EBOLA PATIENT, ADVISE ALL RESPONDERS (Police, Fire, EMS, any others) TO USE P.P.E.

NOTIFY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER OF ALL PATIENTS MEETING THIS CRITERIA.

<http://www.nj.gov/health/lh/directory/lhdselectcounty.shtml>